(c) whether it is also a fact that these pilots have been drawing their salaries from Vayudoot regularly for such periods;

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the pilots; and

(e) if no action has been taken in the matter, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected.

Reliability of A-320 aircraft

759. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of A-320 passengers aircrafts with Indian Airlines and Air India at present;

(b) what is the number of A-320 aircrafts owned by the Indian Airlines, Air India and by other airlines in the world which crashed in its short history;

(c) whether in view of the A-320 aircraft crashes, Government have considered that the A-320 aircraft is of doubtful reliability and the pilots handling the aircraft lack proper training and knowledge of the plane; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines-18

Air India—0

(b) 3, including one of Indian Airlines.

(c) No, Sir. A-320 aircraft has been duly certified for airworthiness by the Aviation Authorities of USA, UK, France and India. Appropriate training as recommended by the manufacturers and approved by DGCA has been imparted to pilots of Indian Airlines flying this aircraft.

(d) Does not arise.

भारतीय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा यात्रियों का सर्वेक्षण

760. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने हाल ही में घरेलू उड़ानों द्वारा यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों का कोई सर्वेक्षण किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सर्वेक्षण का उद्देश्य क्या था तथा उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट के आधार पर इन हवाई यात्राओं में कोई सुधार लाने वाली है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) सर्वेक्षण का उद्देश्य, इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, नई दिल्ली पर अंतर्देशीय टर्मिनल की क्षमता का मूल्यांकन करने हेतु आधार सुलभ कराना और व्यस्ततम समय पर यातायात की मांग का अनुमान लगाना था।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) सर्वेक्षण के निष्कर्षों के आधार पर भविष्य में टर्मिनल के विस्तार और सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने के लिए योजना बनाई जाएगी।

Autonomy in actions of Chairman-cum-Managing Director and Directors of Indian Airlines

761. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) to what extent autonomy is to be exercised by the C.M.D. and the

Directors and also by the Government nominee in Indian Airlines; and

(b) whether the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Indian Airlines has been appointed and if so, for what period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director being the Chief Executive of the Corporation is responsible for the overall superintendence and management of the affairs of Indian Airlines under the superintendence and in accordance with policy guidance of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors of Indian airlines are nominated by the Government.

(b) The post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director is presently held by a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism. A regular incumbent is being appointed in consultation with the public Enterprises Selection Board.

Premium on Exim Scrips

762. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering about the formulation of a negative list of import items, Exim Scrip route list, and also a Government list;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the exporting community has been demanding that Government should initiate measures to moderate the fall in premium on Exim Scrip and strengthen the Exim Scrip route so as to enable it to command a reasonable premium;

(d) if so, what are their main demands; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) It has been decided to bring out a new Import and Export Policy effective from April, 1992. Suggestions received from various quarters in this regard will be kept in view while formulating the Policy. It is premature to furnish details thereof at this stage.

Tea plantation in Orissa

763. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the areas brought under tea plantation in Orissa, so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to bring additional areas in the state under tea plantation during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) if so, which areas identified to undertake tea plantation during Eighth Plan; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) So far, an area of 213 hectares has been brought under tea cultivation in the Keonjhar district of Orissa.

(b) to (d) Preliminary reports indicate that about 2800 hectares of land suitable for tea cultivation would be available in the Kalahandi and Phulbani districts. However, no fresh proposal has been received from the State of Orissa for taking up tea plantations in these areas.

Bifurcation of Spices Board

765. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the the Minister of COMMERCE be pleas- to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bifurcate the Spices Board; and

(b) whether Government propose to announce an increased support price for